

## Overview

- Winter activities
- Boating
- Bird watching
- Fishing



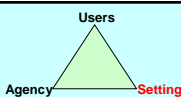

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Private raft float trip on January 7, 2007  
(expertise and raft: A.J. Larson)





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## The Setting

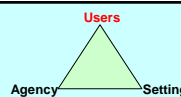


- Skagit River (Marblemount to Rockport)
- Utilitarian facilities at beginning and end
- Water, natural scenery and associated birds and fish are the amenity






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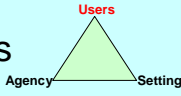
## User Groups




- Bird watching from boat
  - Raft (guided and unguided)
  - Kayak (unguided group)
  - Canoe (unguided)
- Bird watching from shore
- Fishing from shore
- Fishing from boat
  - Canoe
  - Float boat (guided and unguided)
  - Jet boat

## Visitor Demographics



- Visitors by group size
  - Individuals: fishing
  - Couples: boating
  - Small groups: boating
  - Guided groups: boating, fishing
- Visitors by age
  - Predominantly 20s to 40s
  - Few children
- Visitors by sex
  - Boaters ~60/40 male/female
  - Fishers ~all male



Goal interference?

## Visitors



- Visitors by apparent socio-economic status
  - Private boating parties: moderate to high
  - Guided boating parties: moderate to high
  - Private fishing parties: high
  - Guided fishing parties: moderate to high
- Visitors duration
  - Day use
  - Lodging not well developed
- Favored areas
  - Near eagles
  - Accessible




## Administration




- Administered by USFS
- The Skagit Wild and Scenic River System
- Added in 1978 (WSRA: 1968)




- 158.5 miles of the Skagit, Sauk, Suiattle, Cascade rivers
- Free-flowing
- Outstanding remarkable values
  - Wildlife
  - Fish
  - Scenic qualities

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/skagit-wsr/overview/index.shtml>

## Administration



- Ownership
  - National Forest (44%)
  - State and other agencies (6%)
  - Private (50%)
  - Put-in: USFS
- Mission and capability



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## Administration



- Take out site, Howard Miller Steelhead Park (Skagit County)
- Seattle City Light
- Washington State
  - DNR
  - DOT
- The Nature Conservancy



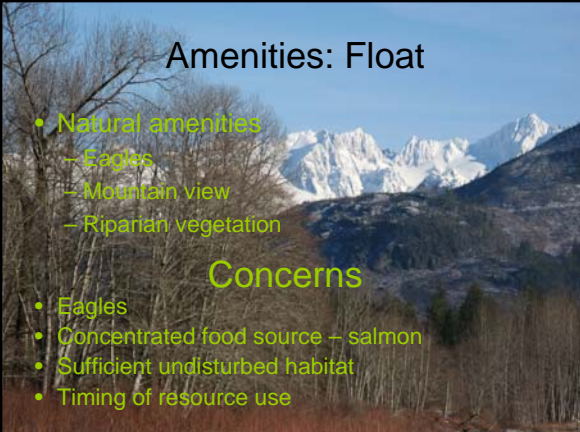
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## Amenities: Start



- Parking
  - Pickup with trailer
  - Car
- Boat ramp
- Facilities

## Amenities: Float



- Natural amenities
  - Eagles
  - Mountain view
  - Riparian vegetation

### Concerns

- Eagles
- Concentrated food source – salmon
- Sufficient undisturbed habitat
- Timing of resource use

## Amenities: Finish



- Boat ramp
- Parking
- Facilities
- Private camping

## Economic Impact


- Commercial float: \$75/person
- Steelhead fishing: \$250 for 1/\$350 for 2
- Skagit Bald Eagle Festival
- Capital expense




## Economic Impact

Spatial	Experiential				
	Anticipation	Travel	Experience	Travel	Recollection
Site					
Support			\$0		
Travel					
Residence					
Region					


REI Seattle  
PFD 2 @ \$65 = \$141.44



Whole Foods Seattle  
Gourmet Bratwurst  
Safeway Bellevue  
Turkey and Cheese



Mt. Vernon  
Gas: 8.76G @ 2.759 = \$24.19



## Restorative Value

Kaplan and Kaplan 1989

Compatibility
Fascination



Extent
Being Away

## Acknowledgements

- Andrew Larson



## Questions?

